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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. SHARIEFF GREENE**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Sharieff Greene, 38, of Buffalo was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment by Chief United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara. Greene, 38, pled guilty on May 6, 2003 to two counts of distributing cocaine base or crack cocaine, and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Karaszewski, who handled the case, indicated that Greene admitted in his plea agreement that he distributed crack cocaine on two occasions in 1998, and that he possessed crack on another occasion in 2002 which he intended to distribute. Greene also admitted that he accepted a Lexus automobile as payment for a drug debt, and that he used drug trafficking profits to make payments on the Lexus and another vehicle.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Anne Marie Coons.

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